

Scripture References for January 5

Question 16

Matthew 3

- 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
- 10 Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

Luke 3

- 8 Produce good fruits as evidence of your repentance; and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
- 9 Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Scripture References for January 12

Question 5

Matthew 10

- 34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword.
- 35 For I have come to set a man 'against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
- 36 and one's enemies will be those of his household.'

Luke 12

- 51 Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.
- 52 From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three;
- 53 a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

Scripture References for January 19

Question 11

Ezekiel 34

- 1 Thus the word of the LORD came to me:
- 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, in these words prophesy to them (to the shepherds): Thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves! Should not shepherds, rather, pasture sheep?
- 3 You have fed off their milk, worn their wool, and slaughtered the fatlings, but the sheep you have not pastured.
- 4 You did not strengthen the weak nor heal the sick nor bind up the injured. You did not bring back the strayed nor seek the lost, but you lorded it over them harshly and brutally.
- 5 So they were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered
- 6 and wandered over all the mountains and high hills; my sheep were scattered over the whole earth, with no one to look after them or to search for them.
- 7 Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
- 8 As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have been given over to pillage, and because my sheep have become food for every wild beast, for lack of a shepherd; because my shepherds did not look after my sheep, but pastured themselves and did not pasture my sheep;
- 9 because of this, shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
- 10 Thus says the Lord GOD: I swear I am coming against these shepherds. I will claim my sheep from them and put a stop to their shepherding my sheep so that they may no longer pasture themselves. I will save my sheep, that they may no longer be food for their mouths.
- 11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep.